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In re the Application of:

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY OR AGENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

1. We, the attorneys signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.36 and CFR § 10.40
2. The last-known address and phone number of the assignee of the applicant is as follows:

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on
November 20, 2001.
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Tillie Mead

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3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR § 10.40(c)(1)(vi).

The assignee has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by Lyon & Lyon LLP for an unreasonable period of time, well in excess of 90 days. In addition, the assignee has failed to respond to repeated inquiries from Lyon & Lyon LLP concerning its past-due payment situation.

4. The status of this Application: This application is awaiting its first Office Action.
5. In accordance with 37 CFR § 10.40(a), due notice of Lyon & Lyon LLP's intention to request withdrawal was communicated to the assignee by a hand-delivered letter dated November 15, 2001. A copy of this Request is also being served today by mail on the assignee at the address indicated in paragraph 2 above. The assignee has been duly advised of its right to delivery of its files; the files have been tendered; and Lyon & Lyon LLP is awaiting the assignee's instructions as to disposition of the files. The assignee has been explicitly advised that assignee should be prompt in arranging other counsel if desired, as failure to meet any deadlines could result in prejudice to, or outright loss of, assignee's rights.
6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.
7. In addition to requesting withdrawal respecting the within application, Lyon & Lyon LLP is simultaneously requesting withdrawal in the following other patent application matters involving the same assignee:

Application No. 09/882,494, Docket No. 257/289
Application No. 09/888,329, Docket No. 258/158
Application No. 60/235,458, Docket No. 257/268
Application No. 60/214,067, Docket No. 255/075
Application No. 09/550,629, Docket No. 263/182

8. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing).

The following attorneys apply to withdraw in the above-identified application:
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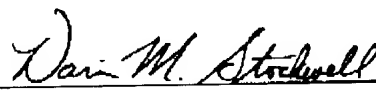
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Dated: November 20, 2001

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